



## Visitor Accessibility

*The Division of Wayside Exhibits is committed to providing outdoor interpretive exhibits that are accessible to all potential users. The following guidelines will be applied wherever possible to ensure that wayside exhibits are planned, designed, fabricated, and installed in a manner consistent with this goal.*

### **For Mobility-Impaired Visitors**

*Wayside exhibits will be installed at accessible locations wherever possible.*

*Wayside exhibit panels will be installed at heights and angles favorable for viewing by most visitors, including those in wheelchairs. For standard NPS low-profile exhibits the recommended height is 32" from the bottom of the exhibit panel to finished grade; for upright exhibits and bulletin boards the height is 24-28", depending on panel size.*

*Trailhead exhibits will include an accessibility advisory.*

*Wayside exhibits will have level, hard-surfaced exhibit pads.*

*Exhibit sites will offer clear, unrestricted views of park features referred to in the exhibits.*

### **For Visually-Impaired Visitors**

*Exhibit typography will be legible and readable.*

*Exhibit colors will be selected to reduce eye strain and glare, and to provide good readability under field conditions. Because of its reflectivity, white will not be used as a background color.*

*Selected wayside exhibits will incorporate audiostations or tactile elements such as models, texture blocks, and relief maps.*

*For all major features interpreted by graphic wayside exhibits, park will be encouraged to offer non-visual interpretation covering the same subject matter. Examples include cassette tape tours, radio messages, and ranger talks.*

### **For Hearing-Impaired Visitors**

*Wayside exhibit panels will communicate visually, and will rely heavily on graphics to interpret park resources.*

*Essential information included in audiostation messages will be duplicated in written form, either as part of the exhibit text, or in a publication.*

### **For Learning-Impaired Visitors**

*Topics for wayside exhibits will be specific and of general interest. Unnecessary complexity will be avoided.*

*Wherever possible, easy-to-understand graphics will be used to convey ideas, rather than text alone.*

*Unfamiliar expressions, technical terms, and jargon will be avoided. Pronunciation aids and definitions will be provided where needed.*

*Text will be concise, free of long paragraphs, and will avoid wordy language.*